



**Rep. Sam Watson
(R-172)**

Biography

Rep. Sam Watson was elected in 2012 to represent District 172 which includes portions of Colquitt, Tift and Thomas counties. He is a farmer and agri-businessman.

Rep. Watson was raised on the family farm and graduated from Colquitt County High School in 1997. He earned his Associate's Degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Georgia majoring in Agricultural Education. He is a 2012 graduate of Leadership Georgia, a 2011 graduate of Leadership Colquitt, and a 2009 graduate of the Georgia Agri-Leaders Forum.

Rep. Watson is active in his community serving on the Colquitt County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, the Moultrie- Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee, and the Colquitt County Livestock Show Committee. He is a member of the Colquitt County Cattlemen's Association, the Colquitt County Young Farmers and he volunteers as a mentor with the Moultrie YMCA.

Outside of his community Rep. Watson is President of the UGA Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Alumni Board, is a member of the Georgia Agribusiness Council and the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association. He and his wife Emily also serve on the Georgia Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee.

Rep. Watson has received numerous honors and awards including the 2010 UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Young Alumni Award, the 2009 Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Outstanding Alumni Award, and he was named as one of *Georgia Trend's* "Movers and Shakers in Agribusiness" in 2010. He and his wife Emily were also recognized as the Georgia Federation of Women's Club Junior Family of the Year in 2011.

Rep. Watson is married to Emily Howard Watson and they are the proud parents of two young daughters, Lily and Lucy. They live in southern Colquitt County on the family farm between Moultrie and Coolidge. The Watsons are members of Moultrie First Baptist Church where they are active in the children's ministry.